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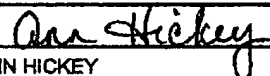
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Examiner's telephone inquiry earlier today regarding the claim term "signal", Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.